No allocation was made for the National Projects in the General Budget 2008-09. Funds for 2008-09 would be made available after Ministry of Finance processes the first Supplementary Demand for Grants 2008-09.

Recovery of compensation paid to victims of Mumbai blasts

150. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have instituted legal proceedings to recover the interest charges paid alongwith the compensation to some of the victims of 7th November, Mumbai blasts;

(b) if so, whether the interest amounts are as low as Rs. 400/- or Rs. 600/- and these were paid by the insurance company to the victims and the same has not gone from Railway's kitty; and

(c) what was the amount of compensation to such victims from whom the recovery is being made through legal process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Traffic menace

151. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the road traffic is going to be a major gigantic unmanageable problem in a few years, in all Metro Cities whether there would be an alternative by the Railways to tackle this major bottleneck;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there has been a detailed study on the traffic menace either by Railways or Road Transport and Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Railways has taken over a number of projects for execution on its own/cost sharing with State Government. Details of major projects completed/under execution are shown in table given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Kms.	Anticipated Cost (Rs. in crore)	Cost Sharing
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Dum-Dum-Tollygunge Design and Construction of Rapid Transit System	16.45	1716.95	Railway